

Meet Your City Councilman: Lou Jackson

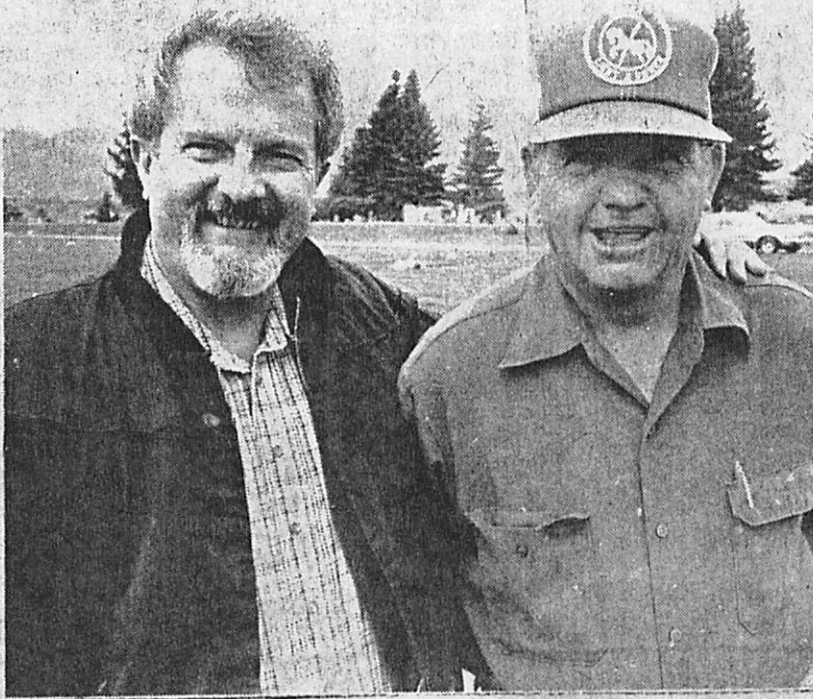
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"A councilman is a member of a team that has the responsibility of taking care of city business. This year the mayor has put me in charge of the cemetery and the centennial celebration," said Councilman Lou Jackson.

Working with Hyrum Smith, sexton, he is developing some governance policies that will help control the activities of the present facility. "We expect to add more developed land to the present cemetery which will soon be exhausted. In the development we hope to satisfy the variety of wants the public expresses and still be able to make the service economically sound," he explained.

"The centennial year is going to give us a chance to thoroughly become acquainted with the present make-up of our city and celebrate its growth. 'I have been involved with just about everything the city does. I know that we are trying as hard — if not harder today — to make this place home to all who live here — to make the heritage a tangible and a spiritual reality worthy of veneration, and to make pride our password and inspiration,'" he said.

To recognize some of the people who have contributed in making the passage through the cemetery, Mr. Jackson has suggested that cemetery roads be named after the sextons who have served so rigorously and faithfully to make resting places for those who so loved the valley



Heber City Councilman Lou Jackson, left, is in charge of the city cemetery. With him is Hyrum Smith, city sexton.

installed, he believes. Consideration is being given to allow the planting of trees for those who like that idea. "Many things will have to be considered, but realizing how important the final resting place is to most people, we should grant as many possibilities as we can," said Councilman Jackson.

Eight years have passed since he moved here to teach English, Spanish, and drafting in the high school. He taught 17 years in California public schools and has

advanced, too many things to be noted, but things that a concerned city council and progressive citizenry expect and deserve. The approval of the community for the rehabilitation of the tabernacle is something he has looked forward to for years.

"The Centennial of Heber City is not just a remembrance of the passing of 100 years, but it is a threshold of the present. They made their contributions. They made their marks. We do not diminish what they have done

through trials and pains. We venerate all those fine people who have brought us to this day. We would behave amiss if we did not accept the challenges of the day to improve upon the foundations," he claims.

Vast experience in many states and nations as well as broad and varied work experience make Mr. Jackson aware of people and their needs. "I hope I exemplify a balance between need and want, between intelligence and wisdom, between interest and fairness. I believe in the rights of the individual and the concern of the group. I love people and want them to be happy," he said.

"I look forward to the greatest and grandest celebration this city and valley has ever had. I look forward to a year-long celebration with an activity every month of the celebration year. The plan I'm developing is sure to include every man, woman and child in the city and bring others to our mountain home. What greater challenge could be given me or you?" he said with enthusiasm.

"After the celebration, after this and that success, after the exhilaration of self knowledge of this city," he claims, "has the right, the privilege, the responsibility to go forward and be the best city, the best place to live in the whole state — in the whole world! Why not? That's why live here now! And that's why everyone else would like to live here," he said with pride.